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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING DIELECTRIC PROPERTIES
OF AN ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE FLUID

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please make the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

In the claims:

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Please amend claims 4- 9 and 11 as follows:

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4. (Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the antenna for emitting electromagnetic radiation into the fluid material is disposed within the resonant cavity such as to project into the fluid material, the antenna being provided with an insulating layer by which it is electrically isolated from the fluid material.

5. (Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the boundary of the resonant cavity comprises a conductive wall whose inner surface is covered by said